

Provider Bulletin

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Wyoming Department of Health Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Division

Information Only

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Contract Supplement Regarding Participation by Faith-based Organizations

The following information must be available to all clients receiving substance abuse treatment services from your agency in accordance with FY11 state treatment services contract, Attachment L:

§ 96.18 Participation by Faith-based Organizations

The funds provided under this part shall be administered in compliance with the standards set forth in part 87 (Equal Treatment for Faith-based Organizations) of 42 CFR Part 54 and Part 54a 45 CFR Part 96.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Charitable Choice provisions contain protections to ensure that substance abuse programs are open to all eligible organizations, regardless of religious character or affiliation, and to establish proper use of funds and conditions for receipt of funding.

The following template may be used to disseminate information to clients receiving services:

MODEL NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

No provider of substance abuse services receiving federal funds from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, including this organization, may discriminate against you on the basis of religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to actively participate in a religious practice.

If you object to the religious character of this organization, federal law gives you the right to a referral to another provider of substance abuse services. The referral, and your receipt of alternative services, must occur within a reasonable period of time after you request them. The alternative provider must be accessible to you and have the capacity to provide substance abuse services. The services provided to you by the alternative provider must be of a value not less than the value of the services you would have received from this organization.



Thank you for your courtesies.

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